

**Suggested Statements to Arrested or
Detained Foreign Nationals**

**Statement 1:
For All Foreign Nationals
Except Those From List Countries**

As a non-U.S. citizen who is being arrested or detained, you are entitled to have us notify your country's consular officers here in the United States of your situation. You are also entitled to communicate with your consular officers. A consular officer may be able to help you obtain legal representation, and may contact your family and visit you in detention, among other things. If you want us to notify your consular officers, you can request this notification now, or at any time in the future. Do you want us to notify your consular officers at this time?

**Statement 2:
For Foreign Nationals From List Countries**

Because of your nationality, we are required to notify your country's consular officers here in the United States that you have been arrested or detained. We will do this as soon as possible. In addition, you are entitled to communicate with your consular officers. You are not required to accept their assistance, but your consular officers may be able to help you obtain legal representation, and may contact your family and visit you in detention, among other things.

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**Consular Notification and
Access Reference Card:
Instructions for Arrests and
Detentions of Foreign
Nationals**

This card summarizes for law enforcement officials the basic consular notification procedures to follow upon the arrest or detention of a foreign national. For more detailed instructions and legal material, see the Department of State publication *Consular Notification and Access*. The complete publication is available at <http://travel.state.gov/law/notify.html>. Questions may also be addressed to:

Office of Policy and Public Affairs
CA/P, Room 4800
Bureau of Consular Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Telephone: (202) 647-4415
Fax: (202) 736-7559

Urgent after-hours inquiries may be
directed to (202) 647-1512
(State Department Operations Center)

Mandatory Notification Countries

Algeria	Malta
Antigua and Barbuda	Mauritius
Armenia	Moldova
Azerbaijan	Mongolia
Bahamas, The	Nigeria
Barbados	Philippines
Belarus	Poland
Belize	Romania
Brunei	Russia
Bulgaria	Saint Kitts and Nevis
China	Saint Lucia
Costa Rica	Saint Vincent/Grenadines
Cyprus	Seychelles
Czech Republic	Sierra Leone
Dominica	Singapore
Fiji	Slovakia
Gambia, The	Tajikistan
Georgia	Tanzania
Ghana	Tonga
Grenada	Trinidad and Tobago
Guyana	Tunisia
Hong Kong	Turkmenistan
Hungary	Tuvalu
Jamaica	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	United Kingdom
Kiribati	U.S.S.R.
Kuwait	Uzbekistan
Kyrgyzstan	Zambia
Malaysia	Zimbabwe

Does not include Republic of China (Taiwan) passport holders.
Mandatory for nonpermanent residents only.
Passports may still be in use.

**Steps To Follow When a Foreign National
Is Arrested or Detained**

- Determine the foreign national's country:
Normally, this is the country on whose passport or other travel document the foreign national travels.
 - If the foreign national's country is **not** on the mandatory notification countries list on the facing page:
 - Offer, without delay, to notify the foreign national's consular officials of the arrest/detention. (Statement 1, back of this card)
 - If the foreign national asks that consular notification be given, notify the nearest consular officials of the foreign national's country without delay.
 - If the foreign national's country is on the list of mandatory notification countries on the facing page:
 - Notify that country's nearest consular officials, without delay, of the arrest/detention. (II) Tell the foreign national that you are making this notification. (Statement 2, back of this card)
 - Keep a written record of the provision of notification and actions taken.
- These steps should be followed for all foreign nationals, regardless of their immigration status.